

Cranston School Buildings Committee
Superintendent's Conference Room
August 6, 2014

Members Present:

Brad Draycott Judith Lundsten, Nick Capezza, Jeffery Gale Trent Colford

Others Present:

Brad Ripley, Joel Zisserson, Ed Wojcik

The meeting was called to order at 5:30. A motion to approve the minutes June 4, 2014 was made by Nick Capezza and seconded by Judy Lundsten . All were in favor, minutes approved.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Old Business:

Renovation Bonds

Dr.Lundsten stated that the legislation went through and will be on the docket for the November elections. Dr. Lundsten indicated that she wanted to make sure that voters were educated on the bond and that they understood what they were voting on and how we do that appropriately. What it is we can say and stay within the boundaries of the Election Laws.

Renovation of Science Rooms

Mr. Wojcik stated that both the science rooms and the windows are on hold. He did scratch out a design bidding and construction schedule and stated that the design on both windows and science should be done by the end of September given the availability of meeting with the faculty early on in September. Changes were requested from the last time we met with the faculty and those changes were implemented which would put us into a six week bidding period because of the complexity of the windows. This would happen between October and November and if the prices come back right award at the beginning of 2015. This would give us 20 weeks with them and start on-site construction the end of June through middle of August. Twenty weeks is a good lead time for windows.

Replace asbestos tile at Bain, Park View

Mr. Ripley stated that he and Mr. Draycott did a walk through and that Park View was about 85% complete. Bain is about 95% complete and the only thing they have left is the rubber platforms. Colors at both schools looked great. Dr. Lundsten inquired about the doorstops. Mr. Ripley stated that they would remove the stops, put down the tile and then replace the door stops.

Windows

Mr. Wojcik inquired about air conditioners going into the new windows and asked if there was a possibility of a split unit. Mr. Zisserson stated that he asked Mr. Corrente about the possibility of putting students with 504's in one area. This way they could put a roof top with a split into the rooms. Mr. Wojcik stated that on the science classrooms they were doing new unit ventilators and the engineer believes they could get a unit with those cooling and heating and Mr. DaSilve from RIDE stated that is what we should be doing. Dr. Lundsten asked that because Park View is a team school that students should not be going from one part of the school to the other and should be located in the same area. Mr. Zisserson stated that we would need to talk about that and may have to possibly put in some window units. There was some general

discussion in regard to window units and removing them, relocating them when a teacher with a 504 leaves. Mr. Zisserson stated that he informed Mr. Cardente that he needed to take a good look at this because a decision needed to be made. Mr. Zisserson stated that they would need to meet and address this as he felt that a few window units may have to be put in. Mr. Wojcik stated that he would transfer what he has into a real work schedule and hand it out.

Sprinkler Design

Mr. Ripley stated that in the E-Building the sprinkler piping and the heads will be finished by the end of this week. Will be starting the fire alarm system on Monday. The underground is already in and this building should be complete. At Arlington, we ran into problems with Providence Water. The water test on the fire hydrant near the school and got a total of 15 pounds of pressure out of the hydrant. Providence Water found a blockage in the lines. Providence Water indicated that they have a dead end on Homestead coming in both directions there is about 85 feet of pipe that doesn't exist so they are going to connect those two ends together. They chlorinated it and did some tests on it. They will be doing another pressure test and once that test is done the sprinkler company can finish sizing their pipes for the pressure.

Other Business

Mr. Zisserson before the close of the meeting talked about the Career and Technical Center. He stated that we will eventually be taking over the Career and Technical building and that the state had given us 3.2 million dollars to do upgrades in the building. We put in a whole new heating and ventilation system that cost approximately 2.4 million. That left us with roughly \$700,000. The Boston Office of Civil Rights did a tour of the school because it is going to be an ADA school. There is work that has to be done in order to comply. The remaining \$700,000 will be used for ADA work and the architect is Saccoccio. The city has given us out of the 1.4 million dollar vocational bond passed 7-8 years ago \$600,000 which will be used for outside work. After all work is done, there should be about \$300,000 left which will be used for interior work – general improvement. This will be two bids – one from the city and one from the school. The \$600,000 is coming from the city. We will be running a full project at the Career and Technical School next summer so I am asking that we should add on Cranston West Career and Technical \$600,000. Mr. Zisserson stated that a study was done about 4-5 years will monies that RIDE gave them and they will be using that study as a guide. Mr. Zisserson is going to check to see if one contractor can be used for both projects.

Mr. Zisserson also stated that there were monies available to do Edgewood Highlands and Oaklawn Elementary sprinklers for next summer. Would like to get an RFP out on this. Mr. Capezza stated that it is ready to go but wanted to run it by this committee. Mr. Capezza made a motion to move forward with Edgewood Highlands and Oaklawn Elementary schools sprinkler systems and send out an RFP. Mr. Zisserson seconded, all were in favor.

There was no further business.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 5:30 p.m..

Mr. Draycott asked for a motion to adjourn; Mr. Gale moved to adjourn, Mr. Colford seconded, all were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margie Chapman

Recording Secretary